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\$1.00 A Year in Advance

Co-Operative Company Increase Capital Stock

Important Change in By-Laws at Meeting Saturday

Expansion and good service was the dominating spirit at the meeting of the stockholders of the Laclede Co-operative Company held at the opera house Monday afternoon. Harmony and good feeling prevailed, all being interested in the welfare of the organization, the business having prospered right from the start.

A resolution was offered by the board affecting the method of distributing the profits for the present year. Last year after the usual eight per cent was paid on the stock the remaining profits were distributed according to the business the member had done with the company.

The change made Monday provides that after the eight per cent is paid the remaining profits accruing from business done by members be distributed the same as last year but the profits on business given the company by non-members go to the stockholder in proportion to the amount of stock they hold.

Another resolution proposed that the capital stock be increased from \$10,000 to \$20,000. In eleven months last year the company's business amounted to \$183,000. It was shown that the capital stock was too small for this amount of business, which is expected to be largely increased this year. The increase was almost unanimously voted.

The books were then opened and within a few minutes \$1,500 worth of the additional stock was subscribed with less than 50 per cent of the membership present.

The stock of this concern is held by 127 of the best farmers of this part of the county. They have not only saved on the purchase of their supplies through the company but have made money on the sale of their grain through the company as well as having a handsome dividend handed to them at the end of the year.

The officers are L. T. Ringland, president; H. H. Hoyer, vice president; E. E. Gould, secretary-treasurer; L. A. Wilson, manager. The directors are L. T. Ringland, J. G. Clinefelter, A. P. Higgins, H. H. Hoyer, E. E. Gould, L. T. Rowland and Paul Bushnell.

Applications for stock may be made to any officer or member of the board.

Spring Millinery Opening

We wish to announce the opening of our spring millinery for Friday and Saturday, February 27 and 28. We extend a cordial invitation to all the ladies of Laclede and vicinity to attend. Our line of hats and trimmings are beautiful in style and workmanship and our prices are lower than you will find in any other town. Come and see us.

Mrs. M. D. Linn.

Regular teachers examination at Brookfield high school building Friday and Saturday, March 5 and 6.

Locals and Personals

Good six room house for sale or rent. Mrs. E. B. Skulley.

Seventy-five head of ewes to lamb in April for sale. Will sell any number to suit purchaser. T. L. Humpres.

Mr. and Mrs. Doc Grindstaff of Trenton spent the first of the week here visiting his brother, D. M. Grindstaff and family.

At the city election to be held the first Tuesday in April a mayor, marshal, police judge and two aldermen are to be elected.

Chas. N. Jackson and little son of route one, Brookfield, were in Laclede on business Saturday and called at this office and left an order for printed stationery.

Mrs. R. M. J. Davis of Collins, Mo., who is here visiting her son, F. M. Alexander, and family, has bought the residence property occupied by Louis Shaw and family, of Mrs. Elizabeth Anderson.

Joe Ausmus, a former Laclede tinner who has been living in Oklahoma for several years, was here Tuesday visiting relatives and friends. He is moving to Brookfield where he expects to open a shop.

J. Ed. Inman, who recently sold his farm south of Brookfield, moved to Ottawa, Kansas, this week where he will locate. Mr. Inman was in Laclede the first of the week, renewed his subscription to The Blade and had the address changed to Ottawa.

On account of being unable to rent a suitable house in Laclede, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Standly have decided to go to California. In addition to his sale list he will sell at public auction March 2 all his household goods, Ford touring car, nearly new, and 20 head of shoats weighing about 60 pounds.

J. A. Henry and family have moved from Brookfield to the Groes farm one and a half miles east of town and are again patrons of route three. Their many friends in that vicinity where they previously lived for several years, are glad to have them return.

Five high school girls, Misses Zoe Stutsman, Kathleen Cross, Lulu Hanson, Alice Lomax and Beulah Berry visited this office Wednesday to see The Blade in the "making," and were interested in seeing our electrically driven newspaper press turn out paper at the rate of 15 per minute.

Yesterday morning J. S. Weatherly received a message from his son Clyde at McLaughlin, South Dak., saying his wife was very low from pneumonia and not expected to live. Another message about noon announced her death. Clyde has the sympathy of his many friends here over the great misfortune that has come to him.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Mitchell are this week moving to their new home near Holden, Mo. Mr. Mitchell loaded his farm tractor and other machinery here yesterday and called and renewed for The Blade another year. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell have made many friends during their residence in this county and have the very best wishes of them all.

ON LOCAL SUBJECTS

Local Items and Interesting Bits of News of All Sorts

Unless you own your home it will be your move next week and if you should be one of the renters that hasn't been bumped out you are lucky. More than a dozen moves are scheduled for Laclede during the first week of March.

Ernest M. Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Adams, is now a clerk in the Kansas City post-office. He took the civil service examination in January, passed with a high grade and received his appointment last week. Ernest is a graduate of the Laclede high school, a christian young man with exemplary habits and his many friends have no doubt about his making good.

Baby Marie Osborn in "The Little Diplomat," a Pathe program feature in five acts and a Harold Lloyd comedy at the local theatre Saturday night. "The Little Diplomat" is not all drama. Far from it. For Baby Marie and her dusky playmate, Sambo, are responsible for a goodly number of mirth provoking incidents which serve to lighten and brighten the action of the play from start to finish.

The American Reading Circle observed Washington's birthday at the home of Mrs. Ella Standly Tuesday evening. A feature of the decorations was a beautiful cherry tree in fruit. Miscellaneous responses were made to roll call, the hostess being voted the prize. The guests for the evening were Mrs. H. C. Lomax, Mrs. Catherine Fruin, Mrs. H. M. Standly, and Mrs. Stella Thompson. The hostess served delicious refreshments.

Mrs. C. E. Tracy was a pleasant hostess to Chapter R of P. E. O. Wednesday. Mrs. Bigger and Mrs. Edith Moore, February committee to visit the colored school, sponsored by the chapter, submitted their report which was satisfactory to the members. Miss Roxana Rankin read a splendid paper on "Our Home Town—Needed Improvements." The Edison furnished music. The hostess, assisted by her little daughter, Lois, served dainty refreshments.

The next and last number of the lyceum course will be the Bonnie Brooke Company, Wednesday night, March 3. Bonnie Brooke and Lucile Blakely display a versatility in their program, a freshness and vivacity of style, an artistry, that raises them to a distinct and enviable plane among professional musicians and entertainers. This is said by those who know these people to be one of the best numbers on the program and worthy of a large patronage.

Cord of Thanks

We wish to thank neighbors and friends for their kindness and assistance at the death and burial of our baby. Mr. and Mrs. N. Matson.

Woodsaw Accident

In attempting to stop a circular wood saw running on its own momentum, Chas. L. Wilson suffered a complete break of the left forearm on Thursday of last week. The saw was being operated at the J. S. Weatherly farm on route one when the accident happened.

The belt had been put on crossed and was running the saw backwards. It was thrown off to make the change and to save time in waiting for the saw to stop Wilson put his shoulder and arm against the flywheel. The pin that keys the wheel to the shaft caught in the sleeve of his jacket and twisted the arm until the bone was broken completely in two, one end protruding from the flesh three or four inches.

Dr. Burke of Laclede and Dr. Hardy of Sumner were called. In view of its mangled condition it was first thought nothing short of amputation would do but an attempt is being made to save the arm and so far it seems to be doing well.

After being confined to his home a couple of days Wilson was out doing light work with one hand.

The Wilson family recently moved from the Kennedy farm northeast of town to the Kimble tenement house in the vicinity where the accident accured.

Dedication of New Organ

The new pipe organ at the Methodist church will be dedicated next Sunday at 11:00. Rev. Dr. English, district superintendent, will preach the sermon and Mrs. Lena Mendenhall Carpenter will preside at the organ. A cordial invitation is extended to the people of Laclede and vicinity to attend this service.

The Baptist Church

Ralph A. Craig, Pastor.

Sunday school 9:45. B. Y. P. U. 6:30. Preaching morning and evening at regular hours. Special missionary program lead by vice-president.

The meetings continue through the week but will probably close Sunday evening. The interest continues good with twelve additions to the church to present and three decisions have been made, besides those uniting with the church. Bro. Huxley continues to preach those soul thrilling sermons that grip the entire audience. Mr. Fletcher is singing better as his hoarsness leaves him. He has promised us some music by the Linn quartett, which promise we hope he will be able to fulfill Sunday evening if not before. Come and enjoy this feast of good things with us.

Auction Sale

An auction sale of household goods will be held at the Kent home in the northwest part of Laclede on Saturday afternoon, February 28, consisting in part of the following: Kitchen range, heating stove, air-tight heater, oil stove, sewing machine, two stand tables, bookcase, 2 commodes, 3 rocking chairs, 6 odd chairs, 2 work tables, cabinet, 2 cupboards, 2 bedsteads, sanitary cot, 3 rag carpets, washing machine, copper boiler, tub, lot of Mason fruit jars and other articles. KENT SISTERS.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Brief Mention of Those Who Come and Go During the Week

Attorney U. A. House of Sumner was here on business Monday.

F. R. Power spent a couple of days last week at the tractor show in Kansas City.

Mrs. W. B. Calhoun spent the weekend with her daughter, Mrs. Veda Gooch in Brookfield.

A. G. Groes visited his daughter, Mrs. B. E. Western and family at Spickard last week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Rowland spent Sunday with the latter's father and family near Purdin.

Mrs. T. H. Barbee is with her aged mother, Mrs. Shiflett, who is quite sick at her home at Walnut, Kans.

V. E. Hogsett visited his mother and sister in Kansas City last week and attended the tractor show.

Station Agent Moore spent Tuesday afternoon on his farm in Chariton county, south of New Cambria.

Mrs. Michael Garvey of Brookfield was a visitor in Laclede Saturday, guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lomax.

Mrs. J. W. Haight and Mrs. Grace Barber were over from Brookfield and spent Saturday afternoon with friends.

Mrs. G. W. Thompson visited her daughter, Mrs. Georgia Watterson and family at Bogard the latter part of last week.

Mrs. W. E. Randall of LaCrosse visited Laclede relatives and friends this week, guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Winager.

Mrs. Eva Schaffer, after spending several months with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Weatherly, has returned to her home in Montana.

Mrs. V. E. Harter visited relatives here over Sunday leaving Tuesday for Benton, Ark., to which place Mr. and Mrs. Harter are moving from Council Bluffs, Iowa.

N. E. Wheelbarger went to Illinois Saturday night to help Mrs. Wheelbarger's parents move from Illinois to a farm recently purchased five miles south of Brookfield.

S. W. Cotter went to Novinger Monday to spend a week with his son, J. N., and family while recuperating from the flu before returning to his work on the Burlington bridge gang.

John L. Welsh of Sweetwater, Texas, is spending the week here with relatives. He is now connected with the Globe Petroleum Company that is opening up some new oil territory in Texas.

Squire E. K. Welsh, who underwent two operations a few weeks ago, is recovering nicely and was able to be in town last Saturday. His many friends were glad to see him looking so well.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Newland, formerly of Laclede, who have been living at Randolph for several years, moved to Stewartville, Mo., last week, Mr. Newland having been made station agent for the Burlington at that place.